

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

BScHons Zoology (02240703)

Department Zoology and Entomology

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 135

NQF level 08

Programme information

Renewal of registration

- i. Subject to exceptions approved by the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, a student may not sit for an examination for the honours degree more than twice in the same module.
- ii. A student for an honours degree must complete his or her study, in the case of full-time students, within two years and, in the case of after-hours students, within three years of first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, may give approval for a limited extension of this period.

In calculating marks, General Academic Regulations G25-26 apply.

Apart from the prescribed coursework, a research project is an integral part of the study.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant BSc degree with Zoology (or equivalent) passed at final year
2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level

Note: Additional modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

Examinations and pass requirements

A pass mark is required for all the components of the honours study programme.

Pass with distinction

The BScHons degree is awarded with distinction to a candidate who obtains a weighted average of at least 75% (not rounded) in all the prescribed modules and a minimum of 65% in any one module.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 135

Core credits: 96

Elective credits: 39

Core modules

[Statistics for biological sciences 780](#) (BME 780) - Credits: 15.00

[Research project 701](#) (ZEN 701) - Credits: 68.00

[Research methods and scientific communication 713](#) (ZEN 713) - Credits: 13.00

Elective modules

[Land reclamation and restoration ecology 791](#) (BOT 791) - Credits: 15.00

[Systematics, evolution and biogeography 703](#) (ZEN 703) - Credits: 13.00

[Environmental physiology 704](#) (ZEN 704) - Credits: 13.00

[Principles in applied ecology 705](#) (ZEN 705) - Credits: 13.00

[Integrated pest management in Africa 707](#) (ZEN 707) - Credits: 13.00

[Mammal ecology 710](#) (ZEN 710) - Credits: 13.00

[Behavioural ecology 712](#) (ZEN 712) - Credits: 13.00

[Insect-plant interactions 782](#) (ZEN 782) - Credits: 13.00

[Global climate change and biodiversity 783](#) (ZEN 783) - Credits: 13.00

[Contemporary research techniques 784](#) (ZEN 784) - Credits: 13.00

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications

and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.